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STATE REGULATORS MEET WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CABINET LEADERS

Health Reform Implementation Focus of White House Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 22, 2010) — Thirty-four members of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), including Kentucky Insurance Commissioner Sharon P. Clark, met with President Obama today to discuss implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

“We appreciate the opportunity to discuss what is happening ‘on the ground’ in the states as health care reform becomes a reality,” said Jane L. Cline, NAIC President and West Virginia Insurance Commissioner. “It is our shared goal that consumers have access to affordable and adequate coverage, with minimal disruption to the marketplace.”

The meeting also included Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis as well as top Administration advisors from the White House, including Stephanie Cutter, Assistant to the President for Special Projects and Nancy-Ann DeParle, Counselor to the President and Director of the Office of Health Reform.

During the meeting, the President stressed the need for consumers to have adequate information on changes as they occur. He acknowledged the important role of state regulators in implementing reform and educating the public.

September 23 marks the six-month anniversary of the signing of PPACA, and an important milestone as early provisions of the legislation start to take effect.

In addition to Commissioner Clark, regulators from the following states and jurisdictions were at today’s White House meeting: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.